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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF ALLEGED NON-COMPLIANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.192(c)

This responds to the Notification mailed on June 18, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 33.

Remarks

The Notification asserts that the Appeal Brief filed on March 22, 2002, does not contain a concise explanation of the invention. In particular, the Notification alleges that the page/line number citations are minor in nature. Although Applicants believe the

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